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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Application of: Gregor CEVC  
Serial No.: 09/284,683  
Filed: June 24, 1999  
For: **Preparation For The Transport Of An  
Active Substance Across Barriers**

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Examiner: G. Kishore Art Unit: 1615

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box: CPA  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Arlington, VA 22202

November 20, 2001

Sirs:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 20, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

**In The Claims**

Please cancel claims 1, 3-13, and 15-21 and 34-48 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

53. A method of treatment of a mammal with a preparation for the transport of at least one active agent through the skin or mucous membrane of the mammal, the method comprising administering to the skin or mucous membrane of the mammal the preparation comprising transfersomes suspended in a pharmaceutically acceptable medium for application onto the skin or mucous membrane of a mammal and the at least one active agent, said transfersomes comprising liquid droplets encompassed within a sheath comprising at least two amphiphilic lipid components which differ in their solubility in said pharmaceutically acceptable medium by a factor of at least 10, said two amphiphilic lipid components being selected such that said transfersomes are capable of undergoing sufficient deformation to pass through said skin or